

Town Council Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2010
6:30 pm

Rebecca Mann

Lee Collins

Robert Miller

Frank Hill, Mayor

Keith Baynes, Town Attorney

Rich Taylor

Ron Francis

Sharon Weygand, Town Administrator

Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Hill brought the meeting to order at 6:35pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes from January 11, 2010

MOTION: Bob Miller made a motion, Lee Collins seconded to approve the minutes from January 11, 2011. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Announcements:

Frank Hill: Town Hall will be closed on Monday in observance of President's Day. The Water & Sewer Committee will meet at 6:30pm.

Frank Vari: Recycling is on the North Side this Saturday.

Ron Francis: Rededication of Pell Gardens will be May 2 at 4pm. Corps of Engineers has installed the No Wake signs. Ron is the new president of the Civic Association.

Joanne Healey: In partnership with the Civic Association, the last Saturday of the month in Franklin Hall will be a Coffee House. On the 27th Ron Sherr will be there with an acoustic guitar playing older rock music. While there is no admission fee, they are asking for a \$5 donation at the door. Contact her (Joanne) for reservations.

In Town Hall there is a book titled 'The Green Book for the Bay'. It is an illustrated guidebook for Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Property Owners living on Maryland's Eastern Shore. While Cecil County is not listed in the book there is a lot of good information in it.

Commissioner Reports:

- Ron Francis Public Works
 Recycling
 Noise
 Water/Sewer

The fence at the South Water Treatment Plant has been repaired. Manhole 45 has been repaired. A snow emergency idea is having all vehicles park on one side, especially Bohemia to help with the snow plowing.

- Rebecca Mann Public Safety
 Charter
 Ethics

Sgt Leas gave the report from Sheriff's Department.

- Rich Taylor P&Z Commission
 Historic Commission
 Parking Committee

Report is included in the minutes book. Discussion of a Snow Emergency Plan.

- Lee Collins Financial
Worksheets for water & sewer increase to be discussed under Old Business

- Bob Miller Parks & Recreation Committee
Working on a bus trip to Washington, DC for Spring. Looking into a municipal compost area in town

Office Reports:

- Sharon Weygand – Working on an Event Form. The Old Town Hall contract is completed and agreement of sale has been signed. Proposed parking/driveway design at the Elementary School from Jim Eder is included. Administrators report is included in minutes book.
- Valerie Walls -P&L Report is included in the minutes book. Continuing to work on the Budget for FY 10-11
- Frank Hill – Waiting to hear from Chris Castagna & Partners regarding Schaefers. Having Tom Wheeler check into a complaint regarding sump pump discharge on Cecil Street.

Old Business

1. **Charter** – February Workshop

2. **Gullick Proposal**

Mayor was contacted last week by Mr. Gullick. He has presented a proposal. Mr. Gullick is willing to pay for the materials to put in a gate at Union Street Park. He can not do the work himself. Mr. Gullick was told the Town would hold ownership of the property. He wants to be able to get in there when he or his neighbors need to. The two things he would like, to maintain the key to the gate, so if the neighbors need to get in, he can go and unlock the gate. The Mayor stated the Town did not want parking overnight or day after day in the park. Mr. Gullick said he would respect that. The Mayor did not have a problem with this arrangement but wanted it brought up to Council for discussion. If he violates the agreement we would change the locks and he would not have instant access. There would be a formal agreement between him and the Town. Secondly, he wants the bushes removed from his side of the park. The Mayor would have someone look at the bushes, but there are Critical Area concerns regarding the shrubs.

3. **Geracimos PWA** – currently in violation. Need to amend the addendum. Dean is out of town and the staff is trying to email/fax documents to him to be signed by the end of the week.

4. **W/S Rate Change**

MOTION: Rebecca Mann made a motion, Bob Miller seconded to advertise the Public Hearing Rate Increase for Water and Sewer as a \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons. Aye 3 (Mann, Miller, Taylor) Nay 2 (Collins, Francis) Motion carried.

5. Bid Yard Waste/Recycling

MOTION: Bob Miller made a motion, Rebecca Mann seconded, to allow Val (Walls) and Sharon (Weygand) to set up the request for bids for Single Stream Recycling and Curbside Yard Waste, not to include the Sunday pick-up of trash in Pell Gardens. All in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Rich Taylor made a motion, Bob Miller seconded to have a Public Hearing for the Water & Sewer Rates, the Town Council Workshop and the Closed Session to discuss personnel matters on the date of the regular scheduled workshop (February 22, 2010). All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

1. St. Patricks Day Parade

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Rebecca Mann seconded to approve the request for the St Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 13th contingent upon the required insurance. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Canal Day

MOTION: Bob Miller made a motion, Lee Collins seconded for the CCDCA to hold Canal Day on June 26, 2010 and to have the Town Attorney draft a ordinance for the possession and consumption of beer in Pell Gardens. Aye 4 Nay 0 Ron Francis abstained.

3. Home Improvement Warning

Send back to Planning and Zoning to be submitted to Town Council for approval. In the mean time, the Town Hall Staff will hand out as an education piece. Permits will be placed on Planning & Zoning Agenda. Adopting policy or administrative changes falls into the lap of Mayor and Council. It was suggested to wait until the Planning & Zoning re-look at it before voting on this item; tonight it will be noted as being introduced to Council. Town Attorney will review the language for accuracy.

4. Snow Emergency Route/ Parking via Global Connect

It was decided to leave this for the Parking Committee to discuss.

ACTION ITEMS

1. 538 Biddle Street W/S billing

MOTION: Lee Collins made a motion, Ron Francis seconded to discontinue the base charges once we receive the owners request. They will have to pay the Bay Restoration Fee and will have to pay the \$75 to have the service turned back on. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Rebecca Mann seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

D. Valerie Walls
Clerk/Treasurer

Frank Hill
Mayor